

VERNON COUNTY SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING MEETING 1/15/08

The meeting was called to order by Chairman-Brian Richardson at 9:30 A.M. at the Recycling Facility.

Members present were Judy Wilmes, Harry Baller, Ole Yttri, Lynn Chakoian and Brian Richardson. Also present were Rosanne Boyett, Orvis Primmer, Kelly Jacobs, Gary Thompson, Hank Koch, David Lumberg, Martin Herrick, Brian Kalvelage and Gail Frie.

It was noted that the meeting had been properly advertised.

Motion by Wilmes – second by Baller to approve the minutes of the Solid Waste Management Committee meeting of January 2, 2008 as mailed. Motion carried.

Rosanne Boyett questioned the Committee on what Vernon County was doing to address the wood waste problem from her neighbors sawmill. She insisted that it is time for action because Vernon County has had this wood waste problem for five to seven years. Rosanne gave the Committee a two page written statement of her concerns. Wilmes responded that the Legal Affairs Committee continues to work on an environmental health ordinance covering many issues and that wood waste may not be the top priority with all the other issues the county board has to work on.

Orvis Primmer had concerns about the possibility of the Dairyland Power Ash Landfill locating in his back yard after the county board supported the Harmony town board not wanting it in their township. Motion by Wilmes – second by Yttri to send an information letter on the ash landfill to all neighboring residents as Orvis had suggested. Motion carried.

Gail reported that engineering contract for the landfill construction has been approved and the project will move forward as soon as it is signed by the County Board Chairman.

Hank Koch and the WIDNR officials gave a complete explanation of the landfill siting rules, process and timelines. They reassured everyone present that Vernon County and any hosting Township would have a very important role in the siting and the design of any landfill proposed for Vernon County. It was also made clear that Vernon County has time to address all of the citizens concerns. Hank Koch offered his services to Vernon County to assist in the negotiation of the siting and design of the ash landfill. DNR is

expecting an Initial Site Inspection request for three possible ash landfill sites in Vernon County by the end of January.

Kelly Jacobs handed out maps of Affected Land Conservation Programs for the two sites in Harmony Township. Some of this land is in the Farmland Preservation Program and the Managed Forest Law. The intent of these programs is to preserve the land in its present state and not to develop it or use it for a landfill.

A discussion was held on having public information and education meetings that would include the Vernon County MSW Landfill construction, the ash landfill siting and design along with the waste related issues of recycling and home composting.

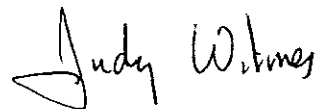
No new information was available on the Ag Plastic Recycling.

The City of Hillsboro has advertised for solid waste and recycling collection bids with all materials directed to the Vernon County Programs.

The next Solid Waste Management Committee meeting was set for February 18, 2008 at 9:30 A.M. at the Recycling Facility.

The monthly vouchers were reviewed and signed. Motion by Yttri – second by Chakoian to approve these vouchers. Motion carried.

Motion by Chakoian – second by Yttri to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 A.M.

Judy Wilmes